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Forest Cover of Jahanpanah Forest
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area under forest cover in Jahanpanah forest situated in Delhi has decreased;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of decrease and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether comprehensive digital maps of this land are being made;
(d) if so, the details and the current status thereof;
(e) the amount earmarked for protection and conservation of forests in Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year and the achievements made as a result thereof; and
(f) the steps taken for extension of the forest cover and forest conservation in Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) As per the information received from Delhi Development Authority (DDA) which manages the Jahanpanah Forest, the forest cover spread over 435 acres has not decreased and no digital maps for Jahanpanah Forest are being made.

(e)&(f) As per India State of Forest Report 2015, the total forest & tree cover of Delhi is 299.73 sq.km which is 20.22% of total geographical area of Delhi. The expenditure incurred by the Forest Department of Delhi for protection and conservation of forest in Delhi during the last three years and the current year is as under.

S. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. In Crore)
1.	2012-13	34.80
2.	2013-14	22.00
3.	2014-15	23.75
4.	2015-16 (as on 31.10.2015)	26.00
Total		106.55

Forest Department & other Agencies organize tree plantation drive. Since 2003-04, more than one million saplings have been planted every year. Department also arranges free distribution of around five lakh saplings each year for tree plantation by around 2000 eco-clubs of educational institutions and around 3000 Residents Welfare Associations and nature lovers/voluntary agencies. All concerned greening agencies also take appropriate steps to conserve the green areas available with them.
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